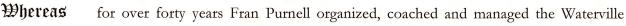


Mayoral Proclamation



Little League program, volunteering his spring and summer nights and weekends to

bring the baseball program to a level of excellence; and

Thereas Fran Purnell and his volunteers renovated the field on Mathews Avenue by

overhauling the infield and outfield, backstop, dugouts and snack shacks; installing a flag pole, PA system, remote score board and field lights; and building a storage area,

press box and raising the pitcher's mound; and

Thereas in honor of Fran's work and dedication the Mathews Field in Waterville was

renamed the Purnell Little League Field; and

Thereas in 1990 Fran started the "Challenger Division" for children and adults with

disabilities which, after twenty-six years, he still plays an active role in on Friday

evenings by coaching and supporting the program at Purnell Field; and

The City of Waterville is truly appreciative of the important work of Fran Purnell, his

family and the many volunteers, for improving the quality of life of so many; and

Thereas in gratitude and honor of Fran's unselfish commitment to youth and families, the

City of Waterville, along with the Alfond Youth Center, will renovate the Purnell Field to become a licensed Major League Baseball Turf field, with an ADA surface,

to be known as the PURNELL WRIGLEY FIELD;

Dow therefore, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, on behalf of the City Council, and during this opening ceremony of the 2016 baseball season, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2016, as the official

Fran Purnell Day

in honor of Fran "Mr. Baseball" Purnell.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 23rd day of April, Two thousand and sixteen.

Nicholas Isgro, Mayor